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Films to show the effects of Great War

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"The World War I Years: America Becomes a World Power," a six-part film viewing and discussion series, exploring the political and social history of the United States will be held from Sept. 27 to Nov. 1, at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library.

"The idea is to provide information about World War I and the effect it had on the 20th and the 21st centuries," said Harry Meserve, a librarian and one of the organizers of the program.

The program also aims to get people from the university and people from the wider community to come together to have the discussions, Meserve said.

"It is not a purely academic... discussion," he said.

The program is the overview of a lot of different aspects, said Nyle Monday, a librarian and another organizer of the program.

"Although World War I is in the title, the actual war itself is only one small portion of the subjects that are covered in the films and discussion series," Monday said.

The main presentations will be in the form of videos, and afterward discussions will be led by experts in that field, Meserve said.

"World War I is kind of a watershed period," Monday said. "There are so many things in the modern world came out of World War I. The effects have rippled down even to the present day."

Meserve said that even the war in Iraq is one of the outcomes of World War I.

The first World War raises a lot of issues about modern warfare and its effects on people, Meserve said. "World War I led to World War II and World War II is still with us in terms of conflicts and so on."

One of the lessons one can take from the World War I, Monday said, is how small events can lead to much bigger things like war.

"A lot of problems in the world are aggravated by the fact that people don't understand the history of what went before, what led to a particular country being formed or borders being shifted to the way they are in a given time," Monday said. "If you don't know these backgrounds and start making policy you are kind of asking for trouble."

Monday said one needs to understand what went before in order to understand what is going on right now, and any thing that draws people's attention to this fact is an asset.

Monday said Americans tend to be very much focused on the present and not so much on the past.

"Unfortunately, history is not one of our strongest areas in this society today," Monday said.

"The World War I Years" series consists of six weekly programs covering the topics of the road to war, during the war, modern war, the Americans in wartime, peace making and after the war.

According to National Video Resources, the videos presented in this series are "Woodrow Wilson, Part II, the Redemption of the World," "The Great War," "Men of Bronze: The Black American Heroes of World War I," "One Woman, One Vote" and "Lost Peace: Ideas for a United World Fail."



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Art imitating life ...

Vivian Mak, left, a junior majoring in graphic design, and Pavel Rakhlin, a junior majoring in industrial design, draw regularly spaced holes in one-point perspective for their Representational Drawing class at the fountain in front of the San Jose State University Event Center on Monday.

SJSU to honor U.S. senator

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The Academic Senate passed a resolution Monday, honoring the late U.S. Sen. J. William Fulbright.

The resolution said, "The Academic Senate of San Jose State University honor J. William Fulbright and join the world-wide celebration of his centennial year. ..."

The former senator from Arkansas established what is known as the Fulbright Program.

The program was developed in 1946 and, according to the sense of senate resolution, "supported an international peace-keeping machinery encouraging United States participation in what became the United Nations."

Since its establishment, there have been more than 250,000 people to participate in the program, according to the academic senate.

Within that number of participants, there have been many students and faculty members to partake in the spread of "mutual understanding among nations" from SJSU.

This year marks the 100-year anniversary of Fulbright's birth, otherwise known as his centennial year.

The Academic Senate moved to honor Fulbright by inviting his widow, Harriet Fulbright, to SJSU.

After the resolution was read aloud to the senators by Chairwoman Sally Veregge, the senate voted and the resolution was passed.

According to SJSU International News, a newsletter released by the SJSU international and extended studies program, Harriet Fulbright will be touring institutions around the globe, in honor of her late husband's centennial year and will be at SJSU on Oct. 24, United Nations Day.

The senate meeting also discussed a number of other items.

"This year as most of you know the university has chosen as its strategic planning value theme, student success," Veregge said.

The senators were told to go back to their colleges and colleagues and find out what needed to be done in order to promote student success, according to Veregge.

University President Don Kassing and past Chairwoman Annette Nellen have begun a book discussion group that is currently reading "Student Success in College: Creating Conditions That Matter," Veregge said.

Veregge said that hopefully other individuals on campus would also read this book to better campus life.

"As I said last spring, this is a great university. It's great not because of its budget or its physical infrastructure, it's great because of its staff, administrators, and faculty who have chosen to serve society by providing rich educational opportunities for our students," Veregge said.

President Kassing even broke the ice by joking about how the meeting room looked like a flight on Southwest Airlines, with everybody seated in the aisles.

CAMPUS PROFILE

A.S. director fills in posts

Twice-appointed A.S. member
keeps eye on resolutions

LYDIA SARRAILLE
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Rebecca Balderas has never been elected to office on the Associated Students Board of Directors, but she has held office twice.

Twice appointed to positions on the board in Associated Students government, Balderas has had to learn the various policies and procedures involved in student government as she went.

"I was appointed in the middle of the year last year," Balderas said. "There wasn't really anyone to show me the ropes."

Balderas said her post last year as director of community affairs was more work than she had anticipated.

Shortly after being appointed to the position, Balderas had to contend with the numerous student organizations that wanted to raise money for the tsunami relief effort.

"What was normally a pretty low-maintenance job became very involved," Balderas said. "It was a huge task."

Balderas said she organized two major fundraisers last year for the relief effort. One was a cultural show that included student cultural clubs and organizations and the other was a hip-hop show.

"Rather than doing a bunch of small events, we wanted to do a couple major events to consolidate the effort," Balderas said.

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New library dean arrives in October

Kifer comes to SJSU from Virginia

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Ruth Kifer, the new dean of the San Jose State University library, will bring 30 years of experience in the library profession when her job officially begins Oct. 3.

Kifer, appointed on Aug. 12, is currently president of the Virginia Library Association and one of the founding board members of the association's foundation. She was also the associate university librarian for distributed libraries at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

"A big draw was the Martin Luther King Library, an outstanding collaboration between

the university and the city," Kifer said.

Kifer, who had known about the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library before she knew about the available position, said, "I was just intrigued with the concept of the joint library."

The King Library is nationally known and will be a forerunner in the years to come, Kifer said.

"It is really unique. There is no other library of its size as a joint library in the country that I am aware of it," she said.

Kifer, who had visited SJSU and the library three times in the summer, said, "The minute I got

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Hands across campus ...

In observance of International Peace Day on Wednesday, Abel Habtegeorgis, left, a senior majoring in public relations, and Joel Bridgeman, a senior majoring in African studies and political science, sign and read the poster that asks what peace means to students. These posters will be hung up at the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center for students to view this week.

JESTER ALONE

Coming to terms with death improves the quality of life

Certain moments in life make it seem like there's a giant finger pointing at the fact that I'm aging. Sometimes, noticing a new wrinkle around my eyes triggers this. Other times it's hearing new sounds when I sit down. Or, maybe it's noticing my first gray pubic hair. Well, that last one hasn't happened, yet.

Regardless of the situation that mocks my fleeting youth, it inevitably transforms itself into the same thought — the fact that death is constantly drawing nearer.

It may not be a comfortable subject, but it's one we will all must deal with sooner or later. Luckily, a process has been defined that identifies how we cope with death and other grievous situations. It is known as the five stages of grief.

The five stages are a means of handling loss of any sort, whether it is the death of a loved one or the family pet getting hit by a truck. However, I believe life is merely the process of making peace with death, and that we are all constantly going through various phases of these five stages.

Every once in a while, I like to take a self-inventory and see where I am in the process of coming to terms with my mortality.

The first stage of grieving is denial. I remember my time in denial as the happiest of my life. Denial is like a force field inside of which everything is fine. It's like being a superhero, or at least believing there is a chance you could one day turn into one if you fell into a nuclear reactor or something.

Once someone pokes a hole in your force field and

the realization occurs that not only does nothing protect you, but you're also extremely vulnerable, anger arises.

Anger, the second stage of grief, is a self-fulfilling prophecy. You become rude and antagonistic toward others and they return the treatment.

Bargaining, which follows anger, is the funniest and most tragic stage of coping. It always ends in failure. You begin to make deals with yourself about things that aren't in your control.

Once we break these promises to ourselves we sink into the fourth stage of grief — depression. Depression is like an annoying sidekick that slowly begins to grow on you. Eventually you wouldn't know how to act without the shroud of sadness you carry around because that would mean actually using and confronting feelings.

The final stage is acceptance — or as I like to put it — giving up. I know nothing of this stage except for what I've heard from the inbreds on "Dr. Phil" and question its validity. I'm unconvinced that anyone really moves onto this stage. I think we just regress back into denial.

Along with taxes, death is the one truth that has bound humanity together. With very few exceptions every culture has known that in the end, they're screwed. It is something we all must face.

Ever since people had the ability to orally communicate ideas, they've undoubtedly been discussing just

what it is they're doing here on Earth and what dying is all about. This hypothetical conversation is the point historians have decided to begin charting the history of man. Probably occurring about 100,000 years ago somewhere in Africa, I like to imagine the conversation happened like this ...

Jack and Jill sit by a dwindling fire after a normal day in the year 99,800 B.C.

"I really liked those berries you gathered today," Jack said. "Not too ripe, but not too tart."

"Thanks," Jill said. "But they weren't nearly as good as that wildebeest you hunted."

"Well, it wasn't just me," Jack said in feigned modesty. "There were like six of us on the hunt. That thing really knew how to use his horns, too. We lost Gary. The tribe's really gonna feel that one."

"That's awful," Jill said. "Martha's probably devastated."

There was a long pause as Jill wiped a smudge of dirt from Jack's prominent brow.

"Do you ever think there's more to life than just hunting and gathering food?" Jill asked. "I mean, what did Gary live for? Did it really matter if he'd existed or not? Wouldn't somebody else have just taken his place in the tribe? Don't you think there's something more to all of this than just sex, hunting and gathering?"

I then like to imagine Jack not being ready to pro-

cess these questions, going straight into the stage of anger and tearing up the whole place going on the first mass murdering rampage in human history.

Since this moment in time, there have been countless explanations for the purpose of life, and what happens after death. As diverse as all these different philosophies and religions have been, they stem from the same root — the inability to believe that our time here on Earth is without meaning — that all of this is just a long "Seinfeld" episode.

A friend of mine told me, "The purpose of life is to live." This can sometimes become difficult when the mystery of death is tied to life's end.

But, in our youth obsessed culture, death is beginning to be seen as a release from the perils of old age. I couldn't agree with this less. I haven't started a career and I can't wait for retirement.

Nursing home, retirement community, death ward — I don't care what you call it, I'm looking forward to making it to one. It'll be like living in the dorms all over again, except there won't be classes to think about.

Instead of mooching off of my parents, I'll be mooching off my children. I won't have to clean up after myself, cook for myself or think for myself. It'll be like what I hope death is like — relaxing.

Peter Clark is the Spartan Daily opinion editor. "Jester Alone" appears every Tuesday.



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TODAY

Film Discussion Series

There will be a screening and discussion of "The World War I Years: America Becomes a World Power" from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in rooms 255 and 257 of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library. For more information, call 808-2397.

Spartan Squad

There will be a free barbecue at noon at the A.S. House. For more information, visit www.as.sjsu.edu/spartansquad.com.

SJSU Study Abroad Office

There will be an information meeting at 5 p.m. in the Pacheco room of the Student Union. For more information, visit www.sjsu.edu/studyabroad.com.

Career Center

There will be a career fair from noon to 3 p.m. with an "early bird pass" or 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. with current Tower ID Card.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

Mass will be held at 12:10 p.m. in the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry Chapel.

Career Center

Resume Critique Drop-in will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Career Center.

Art of Living Club

There will be a seminar on the science of breathing from 11 a.m. to noon in the Costanoan room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Sachin Bhatia at 772-5050.

Listening Hour Concert Series

There will be a chamber music concert from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in room 150 of the Music building. For more information, contact Joan Stubbe at 924-4649.

School of Art and Design

There will be an exhibition of student art from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Science buildings. For more information, contact the gallery office at 924-4330.

School of Art and Design

There will be a lecture on Islamic art from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the room 133 of the Art building. For more information, contact Jo Farb Hernandez at 924-4328.

School of Art and Design

There will be a reception for student artists from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Art and Industrial

Science buildings. For more information, contact 924-4330.

WEDNESDAY

Pre-Optometry Club of SJSU

There will be a general meeting from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. in room 249 of Duncan Hall. For more information, e-mail preoptsjsu@yahoo.com.

Vietnamese Student Association

There will be a general meeting from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Chinh Vu at 821-7444.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

Mass will be held at 12:10 p.m. in the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry Chapel.

Bhakti Yoga Club

There will be a meeting from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Guadalupe room of the Student Union. For more information, e-mail bhrungaraji@yahoo.com.

Career Center

A course titled "Resume Writing 101" will be held from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Career Center. For information, contact Marisa Staker at 924-6171.

SJSU Study Abroad Office

There will be an information session at 3 p.m. in room 104 of the Faculty Offices building.

Campus Dialogue

There will be a discussion on what it means to be an educated person from noon to 1 p.m. in room 101 of the Instructional Resource Center. For more information, contact Annette Nellen at 924-3508.

Socrates Cafe

There will be a meeting from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Annette Nellen at 924-3508.

Campus Reading Program

There will be a "Nickel and Dime" Jeopardy competition from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Peer Mentor Center. For more information, contact Annette Nellen at 924-3508.

NASA Pre-College Program

There will be a presentation of NASA's pre-college program from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in room 225 of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library.

EDITORIAL

Campus groups hold benefits to aid hurricane refugees

Daily editorial board

The coast around the Gulf of Mexico has faced massive devastation in the past few weeks. Hurricane Katrina made landfall on Aug. 29 and ravaged, among other areas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, leaving a death toll of more than 1,000 people. Only a few weeks later, on Sept. 24 Hurricane Rita smashed into the Texas coast.

Even though San Jose State University is half a continent away from the eyes of the storms, the campus is working to help victims by admitting displaced students and providing housing for refugees. The individual student also has plenty of opportunities on campus to help.

SJSU students who aid hurricane victims are not just helping people in need; they are helping other college students who are taking similar classes, participating in the same types of extracurricular activities and attending the same types of social functions.

This is why students should do their best to attend the many fundraisers for hurricane relief that are peppered throughout the coming weeks.

Many events can be attended on campus, between classes or during a lunch break.

Here are just a few of the upcoming fundraisers:

• The Associated Students will pledge \$1 for every student who registers to vote at any of their tents on campus between now and the election on Nov. 8.

Look for the tents near the Student Union.

• Kappa Sigma fraternity will present a benefit concert at 7 p.m. Friday in Morris Dailey Auditorium. The concert costs \$5 and will feature The Days In Between, Nuralisis, Nraevis, Relapse and TSBB.

• KSJS, the university's student-run radio station, will sponsor several events on Oct. 1. From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., students can donate for relief at the station's pre-football game tailgate party. From 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., students can donate to the fund during an after-party event at Mission Ale House, located at 97 E. Santa Clara St.

Mission Ale House will feature drink specials all night.

• To keep up to date with upcoming events, students can subscribe to the Associated Students' Yahoo Group. Log on to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sjsu_katrina_relief to join.

The money collected at some events will go to fund Red Cross relief efforts, while donations from other events will aid evacuees living in Spartan Village.

Students can also check Sparta Guide every day in the opinion section of the Spartan Daily.

Any SJSU club or group can submit its event to Sparta Guide by going to www.thespartandaily.com and clicking on "Sparta Guide."

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Congress to approve \$50 billion for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate would give President Bush \$50 billion more for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan as part of a \$440 billion defense spending measure a panel approved Monday.

Reflecting a post-Hurricane Katrina debate about the role of the military in domestic affairs, the bill also will require that the National Guard provide a report on how Guard units in neighboring states can be used to assist those affected by natural disasters.

Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, the chairman of the defense appropriations subcommittee, said lawmakers and staff members were still working on the language,

which will be added when the full Appropriations Committee takes up the measure.

"What we are looking at is when the National Guard should be triggered to come into a state to assist," Stevens said. "We aren't going to mandate it. We are going to ask for a report as to how it should be done and figure out if it is possible to develop a plan for that."

The House already has approved \$45 billion more for the wars as part of its \$409 billion version of the bill providing money for the Defense Department for the budget year that begins Oct. 1.

Both the Senate and House

versions provide for a 3.1 percent pay raise for the military, but the bills differ in other areas. The conflicts must be sorted out before Congress sends the final bill to the president for his signature.

Overall, Congress already has given the president about \$350 billion for combat and reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan and fighting terrorism worldwide since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, according to the Congressional Research Service, which writes reports for lawmakers. That total includes \$82 billion that lawmakers approved in May.

The Bush administration has not yet asked for more war money,

but lawmakers are reluctant to wait for a formal request. Costs are certain given that there's no end in sight to involvement in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Lawmakers are doling out dollars for the wars even as concerns arise about paying for reconstruction of the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast. At the same time, Congress and the president are facing public unease about the direction of the war in Iraq, according to public opinion polls that show dwindling support for it.

The House spending measure has been finished since June, but the Stevens panel postponed work on the Senate version in hopes

that the authorization bill setting defense policy would be voted on first, as is customary.

But that bill is stalled, and Stevens said the panel couldn't wait any longer to approve the spending bill, given that the new budget year is approaching. "We know that 2006 funding will be needed in early November," he said.

Excluding war money, the Senate bill totals \$390 billion — about \$7 billion less than the \$397 billion the president had requested for the Defense Department. The House bill totals \$364 billion, but it is not directly comparable to the Senate version because some items funded in the Senate defense bill

were paid for in non-defense bills in the House.

The Senate bill also:

— Pays for permanent manpower increases in the Army, to 522,400 soldiers, and the Marine Corps, to 178,000 Marines. Lawmakers want to increase active-duty troop levels to take pressure off of National Guard and Reserve troops serving overseas.

— Adds \$422 million for National Guard and Reserve equipment, some of which is being used — and battered — in the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan.

— Includes \$622.5 million to support additional recruiting and retention incentives at a time when enlistments are lagging.

KIFER - New dean from Virginia to test out her 30 years of experience at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library

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there, and I actually saw it in person, and I talked to people, it really confirmed for me that it was a great opportunity."

The King Library is a wonderful resource not only for the university but also for the community at large, she said.

Earlier in her career, Kifer gained experience as a public librarian. She said she gained experience in librarianship in university libraries, community college libraries and public libraries.

"They are all unique and their missions are very focused," Kifer said. "However, they have a lot in common as well."

Kifer earned her master's degree in library science in 1974 from the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania. She then got her juris doctorate degree in 1992 from the University of Baltimore in Maryland.

Since she has been active in this

field for 30 years, Kifer said, she has seen a lot of changes in the library profession.

Now the information and library resources are available because of the advances in technology, she said.

"It is a great time to be a librarian right now," Kifer said.

Kifer said she sees the King Library as a very strong and successful library.

"What I see happening in the coming years is the opportunity to build upon the success that the library has already achieved," Kifer said.

Kifer said her priority for the university library is to support teaching, learning and research initiatives of the university and to build collections.

"I believe strongly in information literacy as a concept," she said.

Touching on her future plans, Kifer said she is willing to work on building relationships with the surrounding community, faculty and

students, expanding support for the academic programs, and nurturing and continuing to build strong relations with the public library and the City of San Jose.

According to a statement from the Library Dean Search Committee, the dean position requires solid management skills, effectiveness in resources acquisition and allocation, ability to build partnerships within the university and throughout the community, and possession of a clear understanding of California and national trends in education.

The major responsibilities stated in the statement include coordination of library planning, assessment (of operations, services, and instruction), recruitment and evaluation of a diverse library faculty and staff in a collective bargaining environment, professional development, budgeting and management of funds and allocation and use of facilities.

Generating significant external

funding resources with emphasis on enhancing technology, collections and support for SJSU library faculty and staff development, inspiring the vision, passion, creativity and integrity among the SJSU library faculty and staff and increasing support of SJSU's missions of teaching, research and service are mentioned as some other dean's main duties and responsibilities.

Edith Crowe, a librarian and one of the members of the search committee said a very big part of the job is focused on fundraising.

"(Kifer) comes from a library that is very unusual and innovative and she seems to like innovative and unusual libraries," Crowe said. "This may be one of the reasons that she wanted to come to here."

Danelle Moon, the director of special collections at the King Library said that one of her expectations from the new dean is that she would be very supportive of

the collections developments goals for special collections.

"I expect she will work towards getting money to support the collections as well as get us funding to extend our hours so that we can offer students better access to our collections," Moon said.

Moon said she was impressed with how Kifer addressed questions about the library.

"She seems to be very confident in addressing the questions," Moon said. "She responded to the questions on spot, which is always a difficult situation."

Moon said that during her visit to the King Library, Kifer gave a nice presentation the library faculty.

"She has a lot of ideas about fundraising which is one of her primary responsibilities, promoting the building of the collections through fundraising and getting people involved in as part of the library," Moon said.

Moon said Kifer has got big shoes to follow with Patricia Senn Breivik, the former SJSU library dean, and she will be able to succeed.

Kifer said being able to work in the King Library drew her to San Jose.

"I hope that everybody there at San Jose knows how lucky you are to have such an outstanding building," she said.

"It is a great time to be a librarian right now."

— Ruth Kifer, new library dean

BALDERAS - Currently working on changes to Title 5

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During last year's election, Balderas ran for director of student resources affairs but lost. During the summer, she decided to try and join a committee in order to be a part of student government anyway.

It was there that she ran into A.S. President Alberto Gutierrez and found out the position of director of legislative affairs would be opening up.

"I talked to Alberto and told him why I want to be a director," Balderas said.

"Being a director is unlike any other type of student leadership. All the resources of the university are at your fingertips ... and it all comes back down to pooling all those resources to accomplish things that will benefit the students."

Balderas stressed that her goal as a director is to help SJSU students.

"It's a very gratifying role to be in," Balderas said. "Because A.S. has so many resources, (being a director) is the best way to serve students."

Serving students and representing them is what Balderas' job is all about. As director of legislative

affairs, she is responsible for reviewing all legislation made by the university, A.S. or any other university organization that effect students and bringing it to the legislative affairs committee to be discussed.

The committee then decides whether to support or oppose the piece of legislation and prioritizes which issues are most important at any given time.

"Any piece of legislation that concerns students is something that I look at," Balderas said.

One current issue Balderas is dealing with in her job is the proposed changes to Title 5, a piece of legislation that deals with the student code of conduct for the CSU system.

Article 2 of Title 5 would be reworded to allow university presidents to punish any student for any crime they commit on or off campus at any time during their enrollment at the university.

"The proposed changes have very broad language," Balderas

said. "It leaves too much to the discretion of the university. We want to reword it so that it protects student rights."

In carrying out her duties as an advocate for students in higher legislative bodies, Balderas said she finds much satisfaction.

"I'm a liaison between the students and the administration," Balderas said.

"I try to give students a way to organize and make a difference. It's about increasing transparency with in those (legislative) organizations."

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Spartans ready for double dose of Broncos

BY ELIZABETH PERRY
Daily Staff Writer

The Spartan women's soccer team (0-8-2) will take on Santa Clara University (7-1-1), which is nationally fifth-ranked at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Spartan Stadium.

WOMEN'S SOCCER NOTEBOOK

Next home game:

**Wednesday vs. Santa Clara,
7 p.m. at Spartan Stadium**

Dave Siracusa, head coach for the Spartan women's soccer team, said the team members are playing a lot more as a team and it has paid off with the many shots they have had in the last few games.

When SJSU played against UC Davis on Sept. 16 they had 10 shots, then 21 shots against University of San Francisco and 16 shots along with two goals when they played against Sacramento State on Sunday.

Siracusa said that the team is improving and is taking more shots during games.

"We're a young and competitive team and want to win," Siracusa said. "(The Spartans) are not unlike any other team — they are seeking a positive result."

Santa Clara, the other local university in the

area, is highly ranked with a very prestigious program, Siracusa said.

Santa Clara is coming into Wednesday's game with a 2-0 win over Cal Poly on Sunday.

"Santa Clara is right here next to us," Siracusa said. "We respect their program because it is a program that is light years ahead of us."

Erin Chastain, one of the assistant coaches for Santa Clara said she is excited about coming to SJSU to play at Spartan Stadium.

"There is beginning to be a good rivalry between SJSU and Santa Clara," Chastain said. "They have a new coach and I know they are building and growing as a team."

Siracusa said some of the team members are excited about playing Santa Clara because they are nationally ranked but are a little nervous.

"We are very excited and a little nervous about playing a fifth-ranked team like Santa Clara," Siracusa said. "These are appropriate emotions to be feeling."

Each team can feel nervous or jittery playing a team of Santa Clara's caliber.

"Any team that plays Santa Clara is going to be a little nervous," Siracusa said. "We're not scared, we're excited and a little nervous."

Some of the players said they are going to play hard for Wednesday's game.

"We're going to come out hitting hard and take this last game (against USF) out on them,"

Spartan captain Adrienne Herbst said.

Siracusa said that the SJSU team matched up with Sacramento State just fine, as for Santa Clara, he's not sure how they will match up, but said he will see how that goes.

"We matched up to Sacramento and will match up to every other team we play but maybe we won't match up so well with Santa Clara — we'll see," Siracusa said.

Siracusa said that all they can do at this point is try and play hard in 15-minute intervals.

"At the start of Wednesday's game, it will be 0-0," Siracusa said. "(The Spartan women's team) is going to try to keep them at zero goals and zero shots."

The Spartan team members are doing their best to keep their heads up, Siracusa said. "They are doing a good job of it and we're looking forward to the conference (Western Athletic Conference)," Siracusa said.

The Spartan women's soccer team will travel to Boise, Idaho, to play against Boise State University (6-2-1) on Friday for their first game of this season in the 2005 WAC.

Coming into the first conference game, Boise State beat Indiana University — Purdue University Indianapolis 4-1.

Randi Baker, Chelsy Shaw, Molly McDonald and Melanie Bohnet each scored a goal during the game that took place in Cedar City, Utah.

Sports news in brief

Hall earns 'Athlete of the Week' honors, Dallas Cowboys to practice at SJSU

Daily Staff Report

Women's cross country

Junior runner Tiffany Hall was named the Western Athletic Conference "Athlete of the Week" on Monday. This is Hall's second selection this season.

Hall, finished first at the "Cross Country-Only" Invitational hosted by St. Louis University on Saturday, her second individual title after the Aggie Invitational in Davis on Sept. 10.

Hall finished first at St. Louis with a time of 22:17.78, as she helped the Spartans to their first team title of the 2005 season.

NFL

The Dallas Cowboys will be practicing at Spartan Field in preparation for Sunday's game against the Oakland Raiders.

Cowboys officials announced in a Monday press conference at the Fremont Marriott.

Lawrence Fan, director of sports information at San Jose State University, said the Cowboys (2-1) would be practicing from Wednesday to Friday at roughly 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The practices will only be open to Dallas-area media.

There will be a post-practice press conference at approximately 1:30 p.m. following Wednesday and Friday's practices at the Gold Room in the Simpkins Building, he said.

Sunday's game against the Raiders (0-3) is scheduled for kickoff at 1:15 p.m. on Sunday at McAfee Coliseum and will be televised on local Fox affiliates.

49ers coach shakes up secondary for defensive boost

SANTA CLARA (AP) — Thanks to Ahmed Plummer's ankle injury, none of the 49ers lost their jobs when San Francisco coach Mike Nolan shook up the defensive secondary. Two defensive backs did get new assignments, however, and more changes could be on the way.

Plummer will need arthroscopic surgery to remove a bone chip on his left ankle, sidelining him for up to six weeks, the 49ers' starting cornerback said Monday. A few hours earlier, Nolan switched positions for two of his top five pass

defenders, moving nickel back Michael Adams to free safety and pushing Mike Rumph back to cornerback after a three-game stint at safety.

Nolan was unusually intense and seemingly furious after the Niners gave up 348 yards passing in their 34-31 loss to Dallas on Sunday. He said personnel changes were on the way — but with Plummer probably sidelined for Sunday's game in Mexico City against Arizona, both Adams and Rumph expect to be in the starting lineup.

"Coverage is where we're slacking," Nolan said. "The players I'm talking about are guys I trust. ... These players are not in the doghouse. This is something that makes us better."

The 49ers' new 3-4 defensive scheme has allowed 101 points in the first three games, and Nolan puts the blame squarely on the secondary. Moments after losing to Dallas, he accused unnamed players of not trusting the defensive game plan and trying to make too many plays on their own.

Plummer played Sunday while

his ankle was almost too sore. He was beaten by Keyshawn Johnson twice in the final minute.

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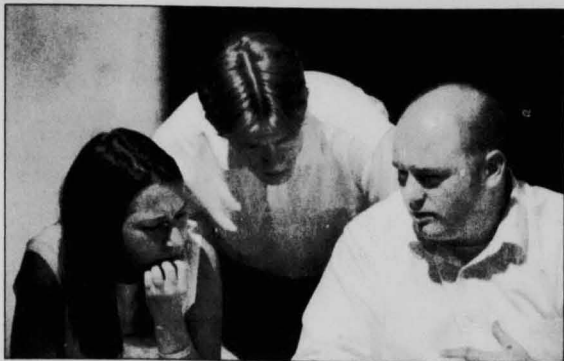
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Brenda Hood, left, James Barkhouse, and Mathew Pfiffner, members of the San Jose State University ethics bowl team, confer during the exhibition match on Thursday. The academic team, open to all majors, competes both regionally and nationally in debate competitions designed to increase leadership in the ethical dimension of the practical and professional world.

Honesty is the best policy ...

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San Jose State University students listen to the ethics bowl debate team members of the National Hispanic University on Thursday in the Student Union Amphitheatre. The exhibition match was a part of the Second Annual Academic Integrity Week hosted by the Office of Judicial Affairs.

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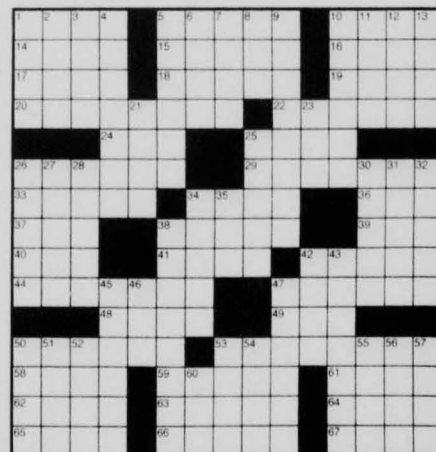
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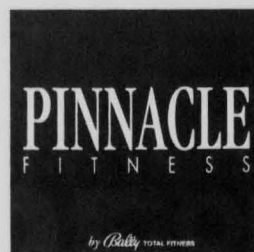
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